(g) whether Government are considering to bring the import of watch movement cases and dials under OGL?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) There are 14 units in the organised sector with an estimated installed capacity of 18.5 million per annum.

(c) 11.5 million (estimated) during the year 1995-96.

(d) 7.00 million (estimated).

(e) and (f) With a view to encouraging the wrist watch industry in the country, Govt. is helping the industry by allowing import of horological raw materials at concessional rate of duty.

(g) In terms of Notification No. 7(RE-96)92-97 dated 14.8.96 issued by the Ministry of Commerce, complete movements, unassembled or partly assembled (movement sets), incomplete movements, assembled and rough movements fall under OGL. Watch cases and dials, however, fall under the restricted category for import.

Recognition of SC/ST and OBC Organisations

2139. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are recognising the SC/ST and OBC organisations in Public Sector Undertakings/Financial Institutes and other Government Organisations;

(b) if so, from which date; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Public Sector Undertakings/Financial Institutions and other Government Organisations generally follow the instructions issued by the Department of Personnel & Training regarding reservation, relaxations and concessions afforded to SCs/STs and OBCs in services. A number of non-Government SC/ST Welfare Associations have been recognised for the purpose of notifying vacancies reserved for SC/ST candidates. Apart from this, Government do not grant recognition to SC/ST organisations in the Public Sector Undertakings. However, the grievances, if any, of SC/ST and OBC employees brought by such Associations are looked into by the Managements and remedial action taken, where necessary.

Closure of PSUs in Gujarat

2140. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to close down some Public Sector Units including those which have taken over as sick units from Private Sector, in case where restructuring has not been or is not likely to be done particularly from Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of workers likely to be out of employment; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to help these workers by the National Renewal Funds?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) At present Government have no proposal to close down any of sick Central PSUs or sick PSUs taken over from Private sector. So far as State of Gujarat is concerned, as on 31.3.95, there were two Central PSUs namely, Indian Petro-Chemicals Corpn. Ltd. and NTC (Gujarat) Ltd. IPCL is a profit earning company. NTC (Gujarat) Ltd. is a sick undertaking which has already been registered with BIFR for its rehabilitation/revival package. The Government have formulated a revival package which consists of modernisation and restructuring of existing Mills of the NTC (Gujarat) Ltd., at an estimated cost of Rs. 158.25 crores. 8021 workers/staff/officers have availed of VRS. A portion of VRS was

funded by National Renewal Fund (NRF).

सरकारी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों की अप्रयुक्त क्षमता

2141. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने सरकारी क्षेत्र के विभिन्न उपक्रमों में अप्रयुक्त क्षमता का कोई विश्लेषण कराया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्सम्बन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा निर्यात को सुधारने हेतु क्या कदम उठाए जाने का विचार है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) से (ग) जी, हां। सरकारी क्षेत्र के विभिन्न उपक्रमों में संस्थापित क्षमता के उपयोग तथा कार्य निष्पादन में सुधार करने के लिए किए गए उपायों का विवरण 19.7.1996 को सभा-पटल पर प्रस्तुत लोक उद्यम सर्वेक्षण 1994-95 के खण्ड-I के अध्याय सं॰ 9 तथा विवरण सं॰ 3 में उपलब्ध हैं।

Trade deficit

2142. DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country's trade deficit has more than doubled during the first four months of the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps being taken to control this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) As per the latest data available from DGCI&S for April-June 1996, the trade deficit at US $ 933.40 million was 13.2% more than the level in the corresponding period of last year.

(c) The key to reducing trade deficit lies in accelerated export growth. Export promotion measures are continuously being taken by the Government through policy and promotional schemes. Export promotion is a continuing activity based on interaction with industry, trade and other export promotional institutions.

PMRY scheme in Assam

2143. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to continue PMRY scheme for educated Unemployed Youths in the country; and

(b) if so, the progress made in regard to the implementation of PMRY in the State of Assam?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is in operation throughout the country during 1996-97.

(b) The progress of the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana in the State of Assam as reported by the State/RBI is given in the Statement.

Statement

Progress of the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana in the State of Assam during the last three years

Sl. No.	Year	Target	Applications sanctioned by Banks (Number)	Applications disbursed by Banks *(Number)
1.	1993-94	805	818	566
2.	1994-95	6,600	6,404	2,569
3.	1995-96	9,900	9,852	3,566

* From RBI Sources